

Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

PPG Industries, Inc.

Research and Development Center

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Congressional District 18

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Final Update

Current Progress at the Site

On July 1999, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) conducted a site visit. The visit consisted of a facility tour and information gathering to assess the current status of the Facility. No obvious areas of concern were identified during the visit.

After an extensive review of existing information and the site visit, EPA determined that there is no unacceptable human exposure to contamination nor is there any evidence of groundwater contamination caused by the Facility. Furthermore, EPA concludes that there have been no past or current releases that warrant further investigation or corrective action at this Facility at this time. On July 2000, EPA issued a Final Determination that no further corrective actions are necessary at the Facility at this time.

Site Description

PPG Industries, Inc. is a global manufacturer of chemicals, coatings and resins, glass and fiberglass. The PPG R&D Center facility is adjacent to the manufacturing facility and is located in Springdale, PA, approximately 20 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. The Springdale R&D Center operations started in 1954. The Development Center pilot plant was opened in 1958 to produce larger scale batches of resins developed in the lab, prior to full-scale commercialization. The pilot plant is located behind the research center. The PPG Springdale R&D Center invents and develops formulations for coatings and resin products and provides the ability to scale up resin production. A number of the raw materials and products used at the R&D Center are flammable, thus, safe handling of raw materials is integral to the R&D process. Handling of hazardous waste is consistent with the care taken with process materials.

Site Responsibility

RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility were conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State. No further corrective action was determined at the facility at this time.

Community Interaction

PPG is dedicated to being a responsible industrial citizen and good neighbor in communities such as Springdale through economic and social involvement. Interaction with local emergency response agencies is a key component of PPG's contingency planning. PPG employees participate in local community programs and actively support local educational programs. The community is periodically invited to the Springdale Manufacturing Facility for open house tours. PPG is proud of the corporate and individual support given by the people of Springdale and others in the Allegheny Valley.

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